THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CHOUDHURY MOHAN JATUA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The percentage of foreign capital investment allowed in different fields of broadcasting sector is as follows:

(i)	FM Radio	20%
(ii)	DTH Broadcasting Service	49% Within this, FDI component not to exceed 20%
(iii)	Cable Television Services	
(iv)	Headend-in -the-Sky Services	49%
(v)	News & Current Affairs TV Broadcasters	74%
(vi)	Non -News TV Broadcasters	26%
(vii)	Setting up of hardware facilities such as	100%
	Uplinking, HUB etc.	49%

(c) and (d) On a reference made by the Government on 11.12.2007, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on 26.04.2008 submitted the recommendations on foreign investment limits for broadcasting sector. While recommending raising of FDI levels TRAI considered that (i) instead of having differing limits for various sub-sectors of broadcasting, a uniformity of approach is required depending on it being a carriage service or a content service (ii) convergence of technologies in the Telecom and Broadcasting services has made it necessary for a level playing field with respect to FDI in the two sectors and (iii) Foreign investment in Carriage services like DTH, HITS, Cable Network, Satellite radio and Mobile television services should be 74%. While TRAI has recommended foreign investment should be 49% in FM Radio and Uplinking of TV News channels. It has recommended status quo for 100% foreign investment allowed in Downlinking of TV channels and Uplinking of Non-News TV channels. The details of the recommendations of TRAI are available on their website (www.trai.gov.in).

In view of the Press Note No. 2 and 4 (2009 Series) issued by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) in February 2009 rationalizing calculation of indirect foreign investment in sectors attracting FDI caps including the broadcasting sector, the Ministry has on 30.9.2009 requested the TRAI to revisit the recommendations in the light of these press notes.

(e) Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry has informed that from April 2000 to September 2009 as per data maintained by them, the FDI received in Radio Broadcasting and electronic media is 0.91% and 0.22% of the total inflows in the respective sectors.

Expanstion of AIR and DD

3460. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is funding the expansion of AIR and DD; and

(b) if so, the details thereof for the remaining period of current Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For the remaining period of 11th Five Year Plan i.e.2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 there is an allocation of Rs.1084.92 crore for expansion of AIR and Rs. 1381.17 for expansion of Doordarshan.

Irregularities in awarding coverage rights

3461. DR.(SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the CVC has gone on record stating that irregularities were committed while awarding the coverage rights by Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed; and

(d) if so, the action taken against the persons involved in the incident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CHOUDHURY MOHAN JATUA): (a) to (d) The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has informed that on the direction of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, an investigation has been undertaken by them regarding irregularities in awarding telecast rights etc. in Prasar Bharati. Since the investigation is going on, no details have been made available.

Unacceptable scenes and images in broadcasting media

†3462. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that scenes and images unacceptable to the traditions and beliefs of Indian culture are still finding place in broadcasting media;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto and whether the Government is aware of this matter; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not banning these scenes and images misguiding the society, particularly the children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CHOUDHURY MOHAN JATUA): (a) and (b) No such specific complaint has been brought to the notice of the Government. However, some instances of objectionable content shown on Television have come to the notice of the Government. The details of Show Cause Notices issued to Television Channels and action taken thereon is given in the Statement *(See* below).

(c) There is no pre-censorshlp of the Programme telecast on Private TV channels. However, all programmes and advertisements telecast on TV channels transmitted/retransmitted through the Cable TV network, are required to adhere to the Programme and Advertising Codes prescribed under the Cable TV Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Rules framed thereunder. Action is taken as per rules whenever violation of Codes is brought to the notice of the Government.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.